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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

O God, our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, use our Senators to bring help to others, credit to themselves, and honor to You. Give them the wisdom to be cheerful when things seem to go wrong, to persevere when things seem difficult, and to stay serene when things seem to irritate. Lord, guide them to be at peace with themselves, with others, and with You. May their highest motive be to earn Your divine approval. Give them a strong faith to believe that, though Your will may be hindered and obstructed by human folly and failure, it must in the end be triumphant.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 31, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REID thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. In my capacity as Senator from the State of Nevada, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will turn to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. I am confident we will be able to move to the Federal Aviation Administration authorization bill very quickly. There will be no rollcall votes today.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for such time as I may consume.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, subject to the unanimous-consent request, I asked a moment ago to exceed the 10-minute limit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

NEW START TREATY

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, as some of us predicted, problems are already arising from the Senate's ratification of the New START treaty last December.

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